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Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449, together with a copy of each identified document. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, namely the International Search Report for International Application Number PCT/US02/30230, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

We also enclose a copy of this International Search Report. Please note that we previously cited U.S. Patent Nos. 4,912,064 and 4,912,063 in our initial Information Disclosure Statement (filed April 1, 2002), and so we are not resubmitting theses two documents.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and MPEP § 609.

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